

allay

[ə'leɪ] *v*

- книжн.** ослаблять, смягчать, облегчать; успокаивать
 to allay pain [anger] - смягчать боль [гнев]
 to allay excitement - успокаивать волнение
 to allay trouble /anxiety/ - унять тревогу
 to allay thirst - утолять жажду
 to allay dust - прибить пыль
 to allay fears - заглушить /снять/ страхи /опасения/
- редк.** уменьшать; утишать, укрощать
 to allay the storm - укрощать бурю

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

allay [allay allays allayed allaying] *BrE* [ə'leɪ] ^m *NAmE* [ə'leɪ] ^m **verb** ~ sth

(formal)

to make sth, especially a feeling, less strong

- to **allay fears/concern/suspicion**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	allay
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'leɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'leɪ/
he / she / it	allays
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'leɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'leɪz/
past simple, past participle	allayed
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'leɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'leɪd/
-ing form	allaying
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'leɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'leɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English ālecgan 'lay down or aside'.

Example Bank:

- The government is keen to allay the public's fears.
- The inquiry has done little to allay suspicion.
- To allay suspicion she ate three spoonfuls of the mixture herself.

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allay /ə'leɪ/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **verb** [transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: alecgan, from lecgan; ↑lay¹]

allay (sb's) fear/concern/suspicion etc to make someone feel less afraid, worried etc:

^m The president made a statement to allay public anxiety.

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